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ASC ADDS THREE SES MEMBERS

Three members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) were recently added to the staff of the U.S. Army Sustainment Command (ASC).

Redding Hobby, who serves as ASC's Executive Director for Field Support, and Lee Thompson, who serves as Executive Director for the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP), were both appointed to the Senior Executive Service just before taking their positions. Kathryn T. H. Szymanski, who serves as Chief Counsel for ASC and for the U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command (JMC), has been an SES member since 1995.

With the additions, ASC's staff now totals five SES members. The other two are James G. Loehrl, who serves as Director of the Acquisition Center and Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting (PARC), and D. Scott Welker, who serves as the Deputy to the Commander.

The Senior Executive Service is a corps of federal executives appointed to key leadership positions just below the level of Presidential appointees, and includes most managerial, supervisory and policy positions in the executive branch of the federal government classified above General Schedule (GS) grade 15 or its equivalent. SES members within the Department of Defense are considered the civilian equivalents of general officers.

As Executive Director for Field Support, Mr. Hobby leads an organization that oversees the Army's prepositioned equipment mission, and that also has responsibilities in areas such as operational planning and contingency contracting.

A 1973 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Mr. Hobby first came to Rock Island Arsenal, Ill. – site of ASC Headquarters – in June 2001 while still serving as an Army officer. He served as Chief of Staff for the U.S. Army Operations Support Command – a predecessor command to ASC – before retiring from the Army in September 2002 at the rank of colonel.

The Georgia native then came to work for the command as a civilian employee. In June 2003, Mr. Hobby voluntarily deployed to Southwest Asia as a civilian in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As LOGCAP Executive Director, Mr. Thompson has overall



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executive responsibility for the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP), under which contractors from the private sector are used to provide a broad range of logistical and life support services to U.S. and allied forces during combat and training operations. At the time Mr. Thompson took over as LOGCAP Executive Director, more than \$21 billion in payments had been issued under the LOGCAP III contract, which took effect in December 2001.

Mr. Thompson has extensive military, civilian, and private sector experience in the acquisition, logistics and supply fields. He came to ASC from Department of the Army Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he had served since 2005 as Assistant Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Policy and Procurement (Iraq / Afghanistan). In that position, he developed contracting policies and procedures in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, and provided advice and guidance to subordinate contracting activities operating in the theater of operations.

A native of New York City's borough of Brooklyn, Mr. Thompson enlisted in the Army in 1961 and was commissioned as an officer through the Quartermaster Officer Candidate School in 1967. His military career included a combat tour in Vietnam. He retired from the Army in 1996 at the rank of colonel.

Following his retirement, Mr. Thompson worked in the private sector as a senior consultant and program manager, with responsibilities related to the management and oversight of defense contracts.

Ms. Szymanski was selected as Chief Counsel for ASC and JMC following the retirement earlier this year of Anthony Sconyers, who was also an SES member. As Chief Counsel, Ms. Szymanski serves as the primary legal advisor for the ASC and JMC Commanding Generals and for all Command staff and field elements. She leads a staff of attorney-advisors who provide legal services and advice for ASC and JMC Headquarters and for the Commands' national and global network of sites and field activities.

Ms. Szymanski came to ASC from Department of the Army Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where she served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Infrastructure Analysis. In that position, she led infrastructure studies, provided assistance to the Army Installation Management Team, and was responsible for Business Transformation and Lean Six Sigma initiatives.

Ms. Szymanski's previous assignments were at the Headquarters of the U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC), where she served as acting Executive Deputy to the Commanding General and as AMC's Command Counsel. During her career, she has also worked at the U.S. Army Tank-automotive Command (TACOM) as a procurement attorney, general law attorney, and procurement fraud advisor; as Chief Counsel at the Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM); and as a counsel for the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS) and the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA).

A native of Michigan, Ms. Szymanski was awarded a juris doctorate from Michigan State University's Detroit College of Law, and is a member of the State Bar of Michigan. She also holds a professional certificate in electronic law and finance from New York University.

During her career, Ms. Szymanski has earned numerous awards, including the 2000 and 2005 Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive and the Army Civilian Meritorious Service Award.